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**Temperatures** 

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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a German application corresponding to the above-referenced application. In addition to the listed documents the German Patent Office cited U.S. Patents Nos. 5,779,981 and 6,054,263 already of record in this application.

<u>U.S. Patent No. 6,767,512</u> (corresponds to DE 196 46 115 discussed in the preamble of the specification) discloses a temperature-regulating block.

<u>International Publication WO 99/18516</u> discloses control of nucleic acid amplification procedures including PCR.

<u>Prospect of the firm "Eppendorf AG"</u> discloses a tempering "Master cycler Gradient" device for obtaining a gradient function that permits to evaluate, during a single pass, up to twelve (12) different annealing, elongation, and/or denaturing temperatures for a polymerase chemical reaction (PCR-reaction), and which includes a tempering block.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(p) in the amount of \$180 and any further fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0955.

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